

S'IEQUIVALENT VALUES OFWEST INDIAN COINS.227

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{Modern approximate Peso of value x 8] Gold	Contemporary current value	Peso of Rials. Silver,
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* This is what is meant, when the word *Peso* only is used It was an English ounce (troy weight) of silver, and was the monetary Unit of Central America; afterwards known as the Piece of Eight, and is the Mexican dollar of the present day, [The English Mint value for which is about 45 sd., it being below the English Standard of fineness—KELLY, *Cambist*, i. 391 Ed

t Always distinguished as the *Peso of Cold*

In order to get some approximate corresponding modern value ; the equivalents multiplied by eight are shown within square brackets [] Some of the amounts seemi marvellously great • but, of couise, HAWKINS only took those things with him which brought the highest prices; and that was why he stained himself and England with Negro-hunting and Negro slavery.

Although it is no justification whatever, it is clear, from p. 242, that HAWKINS learnt the tiade of slave-hunting from the French and Portuguese.

Then we have in the *State Papers* \$& depositions of Sir JOHN HAWKINS himself.

Suppressing all legal verbiage, we give the substance of his depositions ; and then add any additional points from those of the following eye-witnesses,

[Captain THOMAS HAMPTON, *at*. 44, Captain of the *Minion*.} WILLIAM CLARKE, *ost*. 28, one of the four Meichants {*Supercargoc*\$} appointed for the fleet; who, sailing in the *William and John*, escaped the Fight.

JOHN TOMMES, *at*. 27, seivant to Sir JOHN, and sailing with him In the *Jesus*.

JEAN TURREN. *at*. 30, Trumpeter of the *Jesus*. HUMPHREY FONES, *at*. 25, Steward of the *Angel*. It is curious that there is no deposition by DRAKE included m this Series, though he was present at the Fight.

The *William and John* was not at the Fight; but was represented, as the sixth ship of the original Squadron, by a caravel captured at sea, and christened the *Grace of God*. What a name for a fleet of slavers I